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Kenneth Bragg

President

‘I can bring
a fresh look’

*Write-in forced runoff last year
leads Bragg to pursue presidency*

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Kenneth Bragg never planned on running for president. But last year, his single write-in vote flipped the student body treasurer race upside down. “That kind of changed everything,” he said. While eating with friends in Russell House on election day last year, he voiced his regret in not having run for Student Government. A friend mentioned that he could always write his name in, and that’s just what Bragg did. He voted for himself for senator of the College of Arts and Sciences, treasurer, vice president and president. His vote for treasurer forced a runoff between current Treasurer Coy Gibson and his opponent, Yousef Ibreak. Bragg, a third-year economics student from Aiken, had always thought of running for a position in SG, but, until recently, his target had been student senate. “I’ve always been really interested in politics,” Bragg said. “I’ve always wanted to be in a role where I can make a difference. I was planning on running one way or the other.” He actually intended on running for senate last year but couldn’t find the filing information in time. This year he found the paperwork, and he hopes to occupy SG’s highest office. Bragg is running on a narrower platform than his opponents. It focuses mainly on funding student organizations properly, improving USC’s image and giving students a voice. His big push, however, is to turn SG into a “cohesive unit” that can work with the student body and administration more effectively to reach its goals. “I want to make sure that ... anything that affects the students has the voice of the students attached,” Bragg said. He said he would be “as engaged as possible” with USC’s board of trustees, on which the

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Chase Mizzell

President

‘It just comes
down to love’

**Mizzell focuses on students’
passions in presidential run**

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A group of people is stumbling a few feet away, sirens are whirring down Harden Street and Chase Mizzell is fiddling with his empty Cook-Out cup. Sitting in the restaurant at about 3 a.m. Saturday, he’s not sure who he’d call his best friend on campus. There are his colleagues in Student Government, his student senate staff, university ambassadors, his friends from the Honors Residence Hall freshman year and a host of workers at Russell House, like Marcus from Chick-fil-A. “I don’t think that I have one single best friend,” Mizzell said. But Mizzell, a third-year international business student from Folly Beach, has an awful lot of acquaintances. He’s passionate about people, but, more than that, he’s passionate about their passions, he said. As a rule, he tries to meet three new people each day on the way to class, and, when he does, about five questions in — after all of the small talk — he drops the question: What are you passionate about? Some riddle off their interests; he asks how he can help. Some aren’t sure; he encourages them to give it some thought. Others find the question jarring. But Mizzell is used to getting into people’s stories. He owes that to his grandfather. Mizzell’s dad died when he was 3 months old, so he and his grandfather grew close. In middle school, they went fishing, watched Westerns and ate watermelon. And sometimes, they’d get in his yellow Chevy and drive around town until they found someone whose story they wanted to hear — from the mayor to the housekeeping staff at the Holiday Inn. They called it “scootapootin’.” From those conversations, Mizzell gleaned

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Josh Moore

President

‘Here to represent
the students’

**Moore hopes everyman appeal
will win top spot in SG**

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Two garnet otters perch on either side of his name and “Simple Man” by Lynyrd Skynyrd roars on, a testament to the star-spangled American South. He catches and cradles a football on the Horseshoe — his shaggy golden locks peeking out from a backward trucker cap — and cuts to the Williams-Brice Stadium stands. He could be celebrating a Gamecock touchdown or mourning a fumble. Regardless, the passion is there. Josh “Otter” Moore’s campaign video, released Saturday, is an all-telling, two-minute tale of Moore: who he is and what has sparked his political passions. It closes with the lasting image of the furry aquatic mammals that act as a moniker for the presidential hopeful. Four years ago, at First Night Carolina, Moore wore a T-shirt that read “Otter.” He was a freshman, and no one knew his name. “Otter” stuck. Now, the fourth-year junior is pushing to get that nickname on the official presidential ballot. It’s how people know him. Wearing a zip-up camouflage jacket and a camo “Cocks” hat Sunday, Moore said he’s running for student rights. He is the good old boy who surfs and hunts and slips a curse word into every few sentences. “I’m sorry. I have a problem with my censor,” the history student said, halfway through an interview. Moore is from Tampa, Fla. He grew up between Florida’s Cocoa Beach, Pawleys Island and his family’s farm in Evington, Va. The farm is 1,000 acres, 500 to his direct bloodline. It used to pen ponies, but the ponies had to go when they started biting the cows, Moore said. When he was 3 years old, the born-and-bred Floridian started to stand up on his boogie board. It didn’t go so well. His mom bought him a surf

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board, and he started from there. It went better.

“I don’t want to sound like I’m bragging or anything, but I’ve been pretty much the face of surf club for the past three years,” Moore said in a Daily Gamecock endorsement meeting.

The university’s surf club — which Moore said has been around since the ’50s — has gone through a few riffs over the decades, Moore said. In the ’90s, there was a divide between those looking to sport surf and those wanting to soul surf.

Moore is a soul surfer.

He will go to Cocoa Beach and surf all day, only getting out to apply sunscreen every five hours, he noted. It helps him clear his head.

If elected president, Moore would tweak the allocations process for student organization funding. For organizations like the surf club, the current process doesn’t allow for more spontaneous planning throughout the semester.

“It’s extremely hard to plan around hurricanes,” Moore said.

But campus safety is the defining part

of Moore’s platform.

His dad worked as a deputy with the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office, and after two of his fellow officers were shot and killed on a weekend job, a 6-year-old Moore asked his dad not to go back to work Monday.

A week later, his dad left the department and became a teacher.

It’s a memory that sparked Moore’s emphasis on safety. College is about having a good time, he said, and Moore wants to make sure safety concerns don’t hinder any student’s experience.

He said he appreciates the “nostalgic darkness of the Horseshoe,” but wants to add bigger, brighter lights and call boxes to the heart of campus, as well as fish-eye mirrors in the parking garages.

Moore wants to hear the student voice — he wants to be the student voice. He is opposed to the university’s smoking ban and wants more students polled to more accurately gauge opinion.

“I’m not a part of Student Government, which I think is actually a plus,” Moore said. “I’m here to represent the students.”

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what they called “pearls of wisdom” — tidbits of life advice that help inform him.

His grandfather, John Mizzell, whom he called “Andaddy,” shared some wisdom, too.

He spoke with the younger Mizzell authentically, telling his stories time and time again and passing on what he’d learned throughout his life.

He didn’t hold back, so Chase values realness. Andaddy told him drinking and drugs aren’t all they’re cracked up to be, so he hasn’t meddled in either. He was taught to value people, so when his grandfather passed away midway through his freshman year, Mizzell sought out the stories around him at USC.

Some of the people he’s met since have humbled him, Mizzell said.

He sleeps about three-and-a-half hours a night, doesn’t drink caffeine save for an occasional glass of sweet tea and still rarely drops his optimistic demeanor.

Explaining the root of his energy, he mentions a janitor in the Russell House. The man works all week at USC and spends weekends working with mentally handicapped men.

“He challenges the crap out of me,” Mizzell said. “Who am I to waste time? Who am I to go play in the river for

a day when there are people who have much less and do much more?”

In the summer after his freshman year, Mizzell and a friend spent a few weeks couch surfing through Colombia. The two stayed with people they met on a website and with a man Mizzell sat next to on the plane there, and when they couldn’t find anyone, they set up hammocks and made do.

They met people who were poor, but Mizzell noticed they were far happier than many.

Now, when things get stressful, he remembers the people he met — that they were still singing and dancing and staying happy despite their situation.

And if everything falls apart, he figures he could always set up a hammock on a Colombian beach again.

Mizzell said that, in part, he wants to be the student body president because he wants to share the things he’s learned, but one tidbit he’s picked up has informed him in particular.

“One of my biggest values, and as simple as it is, is loving each person ... no matter who they are — whether they are (on) the board of trustees or a janitor — getting to know them, caring enough to listen to their story, caring enough ... to engage in their story,” Mizzell said. “I think in the simplest of ways, it just comes down to love.”

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student body president gets a non-voting seat.

Bragg, who has never been involved with SG, sees his “outsider” status as an asset.

“I can bring a fresh look into Student Government,” he said. “I’m not involved in it currently, so I can come in there and see everything they’re doing, look at it (and) see any flaws there might be.”

He also hopes to challenge the popular perception that SG is an insular group of students who aren’t engaged with the general student population.

“A lot of people have that perception of them, and, to a point, it’s true. These are people that have been involved with this since freshman year, and they keep to themselves,” Bragg said. “They need to be told, ‘Hey, everyone out here thinks you’re this little group.’ I’d like to get them more involved around campus and have people see them more going out to events and connecting with the students.”


But this time, Bragg will need more than just his own vote to change everything.




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Vote on VIP, under the “personal” tab, from 9 a.m. Tuesday to 5 p.m. Wednesday. Write-in ballots can be cast in the SG office.


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Ryan Bailey

Vice President

‘I like getting students’ opinions’

Bailey aims to improve outreach, safety in bid

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Ryan Bailey knows what he wants. He wants a half-order of French toast with scrambled egg whites at IHOP, where he said he always entertains the notion of switching up his order, but never actually does.

Now, he wants to be the student body vice president.

One of the first things Bailey did when he came to USC was apply for Freshman Council.

He got in, he said, after telling his interviewers a story about his mom’s unorthodox use of the center console in their car. She first used it as a cooler for sandwiches, and when that didn’t work out — and the ice melted — she filled it with water and brought in a small goldfish as a pet.

Bailey said he’s still never talked to his mom about the cooler/aquarium incident but is glad it helped him land his first role in Student Government.

Now, as a second-year political science student, he’s the chairman of the Safety and Transportation committee.

As chairman, he’s worked on an initiative to put more call boxes between campus and Five Points.

He said safety on and around campus is an issue that hit particularly close to home last week when an armed robber held up a man on Pickens Street. He lives in an apartment on the same block where the robbery happened, and said he heard screeching tires at 12:15 a.m. — the same time as the robbery.

“I should’ve run outside and been like, ‘Hey, that’s not OK. That’s not allowed. I am the chairman of the Safety and Transportation committee,’” he said. “There’s nothing more important than a sense of personal security.”

He’s trying to negotiate partnerships with the developers of personal security applications, including one that, once activated, requires users to continuously touch their phone’s screen and will notify police if they let go for more than 20 seconds. He called the initiative “a little expensive” but “super feasible.”

He says he’d like to install multispot meters around campus and include technology to allow use of cash, debit and credit cards, as well as a system to allow text messaging to put more time on meters — though he said that “isn’t 100

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Will Fortanbary

Vice President

‘Connect student organizations’

Fortanbary hopes to grow new leaders in last year

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Even though Will Fortanbary has never been involved with Student Government before, he brings plenty of leadership experience into his vice presidential campaign.

The third-year media art student’s platform is based on three major ideas: grow, connect and serve.

“I want to connect student organizations with Student Government and the administration,” Fortanbary said. “I want to grow leaders to continue to push USC forward, and I’d like to see a service piece added to the USC senate, so they can be a liaison to the different service projects and groups on campus.”

Fortanbary knows he has only one year to bring about change in SG, and he said he wants to grow and train underclassmen to ensure they are ready for leadership roles.

He also plans to facilitate a greater connection between student organizations and the administration. According to Fortanbary, the current executive board serves as a liaison

between the two, but the job is too large for three people to handle.

If he is elected, Fortanbary will plan a meeting with leaders of all campus organizations to connect directly to administrators. They will have a chance to ask questions about the effect that campuswide initiatives will have on their clubs.

“The long-term goal is to have the ballroom once a semester — have President (Harris) Pastides and the Student Government president stand up and talk to the president and treasurer of every student organization to say, ‘This is where the university is headed,’ and also have an open mic there,” Fortanbary said.

But since that goal would be difficult to implement in a short time, Fortanbary said he wants to start with smaller meetings involving SG and 20 to 30 student leaders.

To increase the emphasis on service within SG, Fortanbary hopes to create a new position in student senate. That person would be responsible for coordinating events in partnership with other student groups.

Fortanbary’s experiences at USC include being the lead graphic designer and intern for Carolina Dining. He

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Courtland Thomas

Vice President

‘Communicate with our students’

Thomas touts connection to accomplish platform

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People tell Courtland Thomas they see him almost everywhere — including, these days, on YouTube.

You may have seen the student body vice presidential candidate in Bates House, where he has served as a resident mentor since the spring of his freshman year. Or maybe in the student senate chambers, where he’s vice chair of the rules committee and chairman of multicultural affairs. Or maybe at a BGLSA meeting, or in a USC Gospel Choir performance or as a Student Ticketing assistant at an athletic event.

Thomas’ presence on campus is as vivid as it is broad.

The second-year marketing and management student from Irmo has a smile as big as his baritone voice and an outgoing personality to match them both.

That personality and involvement earned him the nickname “Court Connects” early in his collegiate career, and now Thomas says he hopes his penchant for personal connections will earn him a seat in the Student Government executive offices.

“The ability to connect and get along with anybody — I’m able to speak to anybody. Even though I may not have met you, I’m able to build a relationship,” Thomas said. “Everybody knows that I’m involved and I’m excited to be involved. That’s really where ‘Court Connects’ came from.”

Thomas trumpets his nickname and slogan in his offbeat campaign video, a parody of rapper 2 Chainz’s “Birthday Song” that has garnered nearly 1,500 views on YouTube. It also earned him a half-point campaign violation penalty earlier this month for its repeated representations of the university crest.

And yes, that’s Thomas himself rapping throughout the video, with the refrain, “Ask me who am I votin’, I say,

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Alex Waelde

Vice President

‘Get some unity going here’

Waelde focuses on safety, using business to connect

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Alex Waelde has a long day. After arriving 40 minutes late to an interview with The Daily Gamecock — a conference call with one of his attorneys ran long — the vice presidential candidate for Student Government explained that a typical day for him goes from 9 a.m. to about 4 a.m. the next morning.

After classes, Waelde “plunges right into business.” He co-owns two bars in Five Points — Sharky’s and Overtime — and is the founder of DrinkingTicket.

The company’s Twitter account also notifies followers where undercover police officers and DUI checkpoints are around Columbia, as well as safety alerts and bar promotions.

“With DrinkingTicket, I’m constantly in conference calls, business

meetings, board meetings, investors meetings,” the fourth-year criminal justice student from Greenville said. “Even on the weekends I find myself meeting with city officials or (conducting) interviews or taking conference calls, but I’m always moving.”

As far as issues on campus, Waelde’s main concern is student safety. To help ensure that, he wants to promote “a knowledge base for, lack of a better way to put it, responsible partying.”

“The way I see it is, you can’t take the partying — the fun — out of college,” Waelde said. “But I really wish there were better ways to help make sure the students are safe.”

He observed a decrease in the presence of officers within USC’s Division of Law Enforcement and Safety from his freshman year to the present.

“I couldn’t go from Point A to Point B on campus without seeing a bike cop (or) a campus safety officer,” he

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Haley Guyton

Treasurer

‘I want to empower every aspect’

Guyton aims to increase connections with student organizations

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Haley Guyton knows how to win. As an accomplished triathlete and someone who has competed in almost every sport but rugby, she’s used to taking victories. But there’s one thing Guyton hasn’t been able to win so far: a treasurer election. She first ran for treasurer in elementary school, but lost. Now she’s running for treasurer again — this time at USC. Guyton hasn’t been involved in Student Government for long. But since joining five months ago, the second-year public relations student has earned a heavy dose of experience as a comptroller, working with five student organizations to help them secure their funding. The process student organizations go through to request funding from SG can be a complicated one, but Guyton says her experience as a leader of Young Life, a Christian mentoring program that pairs college students with local high school students, has helped her with explaining it. “If I get to talk about life problems with young high school girls, explaining a financial process is a walk in the park,” Guyton said. If elected, Guyton said she will focus on improving SG’s relationships with students. She cites her public relations experience and her role as director of recruitment for Pillars for Carolina as a means to bring unity to the student body. “I can connect to most students here on campus in some way, shape or form,” Guyton said. Because the treasurer would be working with many different people, Guyton says it’s important to know how to communicate well with many different types of people. “It is important that the person who is treasurer knows how to tailor the conversation to every single individual they meet,” Guyton said. The current race is keeping her busy, but when she’s not campaigning, Guyton has an eccentric list of hobbies. As an athlete, she enjoys working out and trains through CrossFit, a demanding strength and conditioning program. Guyton’s favorite workout is Olympic lifting. “I’m such a dynamic person; you wouldn’t really pin me as someone who would love to power clean or love to snatch,” Guyton said. “But I am. I’m very strange in that way.” Guyton said she is using her physical training mentality of focusing on herself in the current treasurer race. “You know your opponents (are) going to bring what they have, but you’ve just got to focus on yourself,” Guyton said. “Something that I have definitely done is focus on my strengths during this race. I know what I’m capable of, and I have to just make sure I live up to my capabilities.” Guyton said her favorite thing about the university is its sense of community, and she hopes to incorporate that more in the treasurer’s office, as well as all of SG. “I would really enjoy the pleasure of being able to serve this Gamecock family,” she said. “I just want to empower every aspect that I feasibly can at this campus.”



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Caroline Hendricks

Treasurer

‘Able to see how the officers collaborate’

Hendricks hopes to bring other experiences to office

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Caroline Hendricks is one busy lady. The third-year European studies and biology student from Greenville, S.C. is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, Omicron Delta Kappa, the USC Connect collegiate board and the Honors College’s honors council. And now she’s running for student body treasurer. Hendricks has been involved with Student Government since joining Freshman Council during her first year at USC. She was not involved in student council in high school but knew she wanted to be a part of it in college. Hendricks served as chair of the senate academics committee last year. As president pro tempore of the senate, her current position, she has pushed for online advisement through OneCarolina and assisted with the iPad check-out program. While Hendricks has focused on academic initiatives in many of her past experiences, she also works with student organizations, she said. Last semester, Hendricks sponsored legislation to create the department of organizational outreach. The initiative has senators go out to organizations to update them on what’s going on in SG and get input on how Student Government can better serve them. If elected as treasurer, Hendricks wouldn’t have as much of a hand in legislation anymore. “The treasurer doesn’t do as much initiative-based stuff as the president or members of the cabinet, but I definitely would focus on making sure organizations use all the money they are allotted,” she said. If elected, Hendricks will also be in charge of making the SG budget for the 2014–15 school year, something she said she’s not too familiar with right now. “I’d have a lot of time to get experience in before doing that. And it’s not like it’s a complete blank slate,” she said. “Things don’t fluctuate very much with the budget from year to year.” Hendricks does have some experience working with SG funds, though. “I’ve helped the senate finance committee before during the allocation process,” she said. Hendricks said her leadership experience makes her a good fit for the office of treasurer, and she doesn’t have a problem talking to the people in charge on campus, like administrators, either. “With my time in Student Government, I’ve been able to see how the officers collaborate and work together, so I have a good understanding of that,” she said. On a campus where not everyone cares about Student Government, Hendricks said she wants USC students to be aware that SG is involved in more initiatives than they realize. “With it being such a large campus, Student Government is a little bit different from other organizations,” Hendricks said. “Student Government plays a role in a lot of different organizations that I don’t think many students know about, and I definitely think that’s something we need to work on.”



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Brandon White

Treasurer

‘Focus back on organizations’

White cites budget experience, hopes to grow sponsorships

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As a kid, Brandon White never spent a full year at one school. His family moved around a lot in New York’s Niagara Falls region, mostly shifting for job opportunities, he said. It wasn’t until high school, when they moved near Myrtle Beach to avoid the cold, that he was able to settle down. So when White landed at USC, he did what he always did — he dove in. During his childhood, if he didn’t get involved fast, he wouldn’t at all. “That constant transition really helped me jump in,” White said. He started looking into WUSC, took a role as a deputy in the Student Government cabinet, and the night he saw a hypnotist perform in August, he asked to work for Carolina Productions. By the end of that first fall, he was also getting involved with the Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, Straight Alliance; Students Associated for Latin America; College Democrats; and the Capstone Scholars. Now a third-year sociology student, White has added Carolina Productions’ vice president of internal affairs and Student Media’s board of publications to his list of involvements. “A lot of college students don’t understand how limited our time is here,” White said. “Our four years go by really quick, so I’ve always felt that I have a good appreciation for time.” So over winter break, having recently left Carolina Productions, where he’d focused his energy prior, he started thinking about how he’d spend his final year. He decided he’d like to become the student body treasurer. White touts his experience with Carolina Productions’ six-figure budget as qualification for the treasurer job, but he said he’s interested in expanding the job’s role to bringing in off-campus sponsors for student organizations and building better relationships on campus. His election would represent “a year of putting the focus back on student organizations,” he said. If he’s elected, he said he would meet with local businesses and ask them if they’d be willing to give grants to students with similar priorities and compile a book of possible sponsors, which he did to a lesser extent with Carolina Productions during his time there. Throughout his involvement on campus, White said he’s always been prone to take things head on. He’s always been independent, he said. As a child, he spent most afternoons and evenings on his own while his parents were at work, so he’s used to taking care of issues himself. Now when he sees a problem or has an idea for an organization, he gets to work, he said. “When I’m in a leadership role, I’m very self-reliant, meaning I tend to just do things,” White said. “If you cook dinner for yourself every night, sooner or later you realize, ‘Oh, if you don’t cook dinner, then it’s whatever you get out of the snack jar.’ ... If you want something done, then you do it.” And while he’s independent, White said he likes building teams, and he wants to build one to make the most of his last year here. “I only have a year and a half left,” White said of his thinking over the break. “What is the final thing you want to make an impact on on campus?”

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said. “What happened to them?”

Waelde also believes there’s a large disconnect with SG and the student body, a problem he’d try to solve in office.

“[SG] should be a burning desire for everybody to want to be in charge of it, and the student body doesn’t seem to care,” he said. “It’s something I’m honestly putting in the students’ lap: Why does nobody care?”

He has a connection to 17,000 people on Twitter by way of DrinkingTicket — “more than anyone at this university can say” — and says he sees a lot of issues faced by students on campus, many of whom are underrepresented in SG.

“Student Government does try really hard ... but there’s still a lot of room for more involvement,” Waelde said. “I’m trying to get some unity going here. If I can do it on a Twitter account, why not

be able to do it in person?”

As the face of DrinkingTicket and having been formerly involved with SG and Fraternity Life, Waelde sees himself as a representative of a wide variety of students.

“I’ve noticed just from being connected with the students on that party end ... students see me as an ‘ally,’ and as being that ally, people don’t censor themselves with me,” Waelde said.

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is also the president of Garnet Report, a student-run blog about Gamecocks athletics. He also does freelance graphic and video design. His clients have mostly been faith-based but include companies as well-known as the NFL’s Kansas City Chiefs and Charlotte Panthers and Chick-fil-A.

His video skills are on display in a rap video promoting his campaign released late Sunday.

Fortanbary thinks the skills he’s learned from graphic design, especially managing his time and working around other people’s schedules, will serve him well as vice president.

Knowing he is new to Student

Government, Fortanbary has met with current members to learn about the procedures that it follows.

“A lot of times when an outsider comes in, they want to rework the whole system,” Fortanbary said. “I want to sit down with the students already in Student Government and say, ‘What’s going well? Where can we move forward?’”

He said he has gained experience listening to student concerns and making changes in his role with Carolina Dining.

“I see the opportunity and the potential USC has for growth, and I’m willing to invest time and energy to make this campus grow and push it to greater things,” Fortanbary said.

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percent set in stone.”

“The biggest thing is just to make sure meter parking isn’t a hassle,” he said.

Bailey said one thing he’s most concerned about, though, is SG’s communication with students.

“I like getting students’ opinions,” he said. “I feel like the only vessel for communication between students and administrators is SG. I think that’s why I’m so passionate about it. It

doesn’t make sense for the voices of 30,000 students to not be heard.”

Bailey said he loves to talk, and he has no problem with students contacting

him with any questions or concerns they have.

He’s willing to back it up: 843-743-6486.

“Go for it,” Bailey said.

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‘Courtland Connects.’”

He said he wanted to “reinvent campaigning” with the video.

“Our students want to see someone who likes to have fun but also is visible on campus,” Thomas said. “It was more or less a way to ... broaden horizons, to reach different aspects of campus, to connect with the video.”

Thomas said he hopes to take the connections he’s already formed with students and, through the office of vice president, connect the student body more with Student Government and university administrators.

“So many students come up to me and say, ‘This is an issue; I wonder what can you do to fix that?’ And I think the vice president’s role more or less can formalize that,” Thomas said. “I think that the role of vice president is one to really connect with the student body, one that has goals and vision but also, on the basic level, kind of can communicate with our students.”

Among Thomas’ lengthy list of platform goals are promoting the inclusion of gender in the university’s

discrimination policy, developing a program that would allow students to pay parking fines online and making CarolinaCards more useful off campus by pushing student discounts at local businesses.

Thomas said many of his ideas have come from talking with students about their own concerns.

And although he sees himself as a leader among students, Thomas said he is also a follower who looks to other leaders for inspiration. Among other student and university leaders who have influenced him, Thomas said presidential candidate and current Vice President Chase Mizzell has stood out as a “mentor” to him.

In the past year, Thomas said he has watched Mizzell and others to learn how to carry and present himself as a leader in preparation for the office of vice president, should he be elected.

“There’s something I’m looking to. I don’t come up with these things by myself. I have a support network,” Thomas said. “There’s things that I pick up from people, from our leadership here at the university.”

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Staff Endorsements for Student Government

Mizzell for student body president

Previous accomplishments good foundation for future

Last year, Chase Mizzell impressed us. As the sole vice presidential candidate, he offered clear, concrete ideas, and we speculated it wouldn't be the last time he came to our offices seeking an endorsement. This year we wholeheartedly throw our support behind Mizzell as student body president. Of the three candidates, he's the most qualified, he connects with others well and offers the best chance of taking Student Government to a new level.

While Mizzell is an insider, he knows firsthand the responsibilities of what it takes to be not only a part of Student Government, among numerous other student organizations, but what it takes to be an executive member as well. He knows the time commitments, the "political" games and has relationships with both campus and city administrators to get things done. It's a bonus that his policies align with those of current Student Body President Kenny Tracy.

This isn't to say students should see Mizzell's presidency as a continuation of this year's Tracy administration. Mizzell shines in both charisma and personality by comparison, and such traits are needed in rebranding SG into an organization students actually care about. He offered clear initiatives that matter to students. Under his administration, priority will be given to safety, connecting SG to students, recycling, fostering leadership among underclassmen and giving back to the community.

As an unusual plus, Mizzell openly admits he sometimes skirts his other responsibilities, such as paying attention in class, but he does so to fulfill his duties as vice president. He is a man who is deeply passionate about SG, and we aren't concerned about his ability to live up to the role as student body president.

In our meeting with Josh "Otter" Moore and review of his campaign thus far, Moore came off as energetic but naive.



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The Daily Gamecock editorial staff endorses Chase Mizzell for student body president.

He ran a student-driven campaign and offered simple, but good, ideas to lead students and USC to a brighter future. Yet he lacks the knowledge of "office politics" and the finesse to effectively bargain and negotiate with the many university administrators and city leaders that this position requires.

Although he has experience with being a leader on campus in student organizations — he served as co-president and secretary of Carolina Surf Club and Cross Country Club, respectively — Moore wasn't able to clearly articulate how those positions made him the best candidate for the job, and that concerned us.

The other candidate, Kenneth Bragg, also expressed worthwhile ideas that would ultimately benefit USC, but they lacked any real research or depth needed in a presidential campaign. He brought no new, innovative ideas or initiatives to the table and, instead, resorted to common rhetoric regarding safety and recycling on campus.

Although safety is a hot-button topic this year, we think it's odd that the only other backbone of Bragg's campaign deals with such a relatively minor issue. He

awkwardly expressed his ideas, which include reaching out to the city of Columbia and a need for SG to connect to students. However, when stating that SG needs more funds and student involvement without clearly defining how, we were often left wondering why he was even running in the first place.

During our meetings with the other candidates, we simply didn't see that same enthusiasm for SG or positive change that we saw in Mizzell. All of the candidates expressed a desire to change USC for the better, but neither Moore nor Bragg could offer the same type of knowledge, commitment or passion for the role. We do hope, however, they continue to express an interest in government and bettering our university as a whole.

In one of his opening statements, Mizzell wisely noted that Student Government often fails to live up to its namesake and has not governed as effectively as it should. The fact that he knows and pointed that out, even as a current executive officer, makes us sure that under a Mizzell administration, we'll see the change in SG it so desperately needs. He's the right choice.

Guyton best choice for treasurer

Despite inexperience, passion, dedication shines through

Haley Guyton isn't the typical, number-crunching accountant. Peppy and enthusiastic about the work she does, Guyton threatens to break out of the traditional treasurer's role — expanding it to be people-oriented rather than just numbers-oriented. After deliberating the backgrounds and platforms of three candidates, we have decided she could take USC in a new direction doing just that, which is why we've chosen to endorse Haley Guyton as student body treasurer.



GUYTON

Guyton hasn't followed the usual path of working her way up through Student Government to run for an executive position. A public relations student with a passion for bringing people together, Guyton was recently named one of the top seven student leaders at USC. But she also shows a knowledge of technical skills to back her passions up. Guyton got involved with the comptroller's office five months ago and has spent her time there assisting student organizations with budgeting and getting familiarized with the inner workings of the SG funding codes.

As treasurer, Guyton has clear goals of helping increase communication between the treasurer's office and student organizations to clarify the funding and budget allocation process. Guyton also plans to raise more off-campus funding for USC, citing her hopes of targeting larger companies such as Coca-Cola.

In terms of previous leadership experience, Guyton's resume isn't the most stacked. Unlike her opponent Caroline Hendricks, she has been significantly less involved with SG in the past. But Guyton shows focus and dedication specifically to the treasurer's office, a trait we find crucial to being an SG leader. Hendricks, on the other hand, told the Daily Gamecock that one of her main motivations for running for treasurer was because there was less competition than for other SG positions.

While Brandon White also showed extensive experience with finances from his previous leadership role at Carolina Productions, as well as knowledge of SG's budget allocation process, experience alone is often not enough. We're afraid he wouldn't be the most effective leader for the organization and that his experience with off-campus fundraising — which centered around talking to local businesses to get discounts and free tickets to events — are too small-scale for SG.

Guyton, if elected treasurer, would have room to grow in terms of learning the ropes of SG. But she has a practical financial foundation to build on, a desire to learn new things and a passion for people, which is what our new student body treasurer needs.

Experience, ideas make Bailey solid candidate

Current safety and transportation chair fit for vice president

The vice president position is the most difficult to gauge. While the VP, like any other candidate, must have innovative ideas and show the motivation to carry out plans, he or she must also show a willingness to compromise, to sometimes take the back seat and work



BAILEY

with the president to accomplish shared goals. After carefully weighing all four candidates against these qualifications, we have decided to endorse Ryan Bailey for student body vice president.

As a current chairman of the Safety and Transportation committee in senate, Bailey's devotion to Student Government is apparent. Committed to working toward a safer path to Five Points as well as a multispot parking meter system that accepts various forms of payment, Bailey's experience in senate has allowed him to build a solid base off which to launch his goals as VP. He is also well-spoken and, as we've heard from others, respected by his SG peers.

Bailey is ambitious — in fact, he might

even be a little too ambitious. Along with the safety path and parking meter plans, he also hopes to convert USC to a PDF textbook system so students can save money, create an online evaluation bank (essentially a Rate My Professor system for USC) and develop the CarolinaCard into a discount card for students to use off campus. But he claims some of these plans have been kickstarted, and he shows confidence he can push them through.

That's not to say Bailey's opponents were not competent as well. But Will Fortanbary, while enthusiastic about the position, was unoriginal and vague in his plans, portraying goals that almost mirrored those of current Student Body Vice President Chase Mizzell in his campaign last year. Moreover, his heavy praise of SG's current workings and statement that there was "nothing bad about Student Government" indicated to us a lack of fresh ideas and perspectives.

On the other hand, Courtland Thomas, despite his slightly unprofessional campaign video, proved to be a candidate with many strong ideas. Running on the platform of increased multicultural involvement and minority/gender inclusion, Thomas was critical of SG and advocated the branching

out of SG leaders to be more in touch with the Carolina community. But for a role that acts as a sidekick to the president, Thomas seemed too forceful with his goals. While his multicultural agenda is a noble cause, it could still be accomplished outside of the SG executive board.

Bailey's third opponent, Alex Waelde, is thoroughly unfit for the position. He lacks any significant accomplishments in SG or other student organizations, and he seems far too involved in running Five Points bars to have any time to devote to the position. Showing up late for his candidate profile interview, it was clear to us Waelde does not take the position seriously and places his entrepreneurial endeavors ahead of SG. Furthermore, the development of DrinkingTicket, which he claims keeps students safe, is a questionable platform to run on, and his concern for Columbia's nightlife scene just doesn't cut it for a student body VP.

These things in mind, we believe Ryan Bailey would be best suited for VP. His goals are concrete, and he has a clear ability to work well with others, as shown by the rapport he has built with his colleagues. As a sophomore, he would also have ample time to accomplish his goals in SG.

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Action franchise finally ‘Dies Hard’



“A Good Day to Die Hard”
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Director: John Moore
Starring: Bruce Willis, Jai Courtney
Rating: R for violence and language

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Bruce Willis (left) reprises his role as John McClane in the fifth installment of the “Die Hard” film series. He takes down Russians with his son Jack, played by Jai Courtney (right).

‘Good Day’ lacks thrills due to poor screenplay, tired performances

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Listening to Beethoven’s “Ode to Joy” in the background of “Die Hard” was quite symbolic, as it was nothing less than a joyous experience watching Bruce Willis shoot villains and jump off buildings. However, the same cannot be said about the fifth installment of the iconic action series, “A Good Day to Die Hard.” This is coming from someone who considers “Die Hard” to be the greatest action movie of all time, but the only thing that needs to die here is this film series. This isn’t because the series is doomed to go downhill with continuous sequels, but because Willis is way past his prime. He may be a babe in the crib compared to the likes of Arnold Schwarzenagger and Sylvester Stallone, but with all of the sidekicks he’s been paired up with in the franchise, it just might be a testament of how old he’s getting. But the sequels have played a significant factor into the series’ diminishing appeal over the years. Now that we’re on the fifth film, the franchise has been bumped

so far down into generic action film territory that the only rush it delivers anymore comes from John McClane’s inevitable refrain, “Yippee-ki-yay, motherf---r.” Willis returns as super-cop John McClane, traveling off to Russia to help his son, Jack (Jai Courtney from Showtime’s “Spartacus”), who now works as an undercover CIA operative. Why? It doesn’t really matter because there are two basic components audiences need to know about every “Die Hard” film: Nothing is ever as it seems, and McClane will just jump through windows and explode stuff until the bad guy reveals his intentions. Plus, it feels like the screenwriter just uses recycled plot details (referring, or course, to the father/son subplot). Jack apparently refuses to acknowledge McClane as his father because he wasn’t around for his childhood, but we all know that acceptance will enter Jack’s heart in the end. Why? Because this is basically the same parent/child subplot we have seen in “Live Free or Die Hard.” This dynamic is nothing more than a failure to add some drama to the film and only brings the film’s momentum to a screeching halt once the tension between these

two reaches its climax. The biggest “why” question I have concerns Fox’s use of such a hack director like John Moore in one of its most beloved film series. His rap sheet consists of basically unnecessary (for lack of a better word) remakes and adaptations like “Flight of the Phoenix” and “The Omen,” not to mention that terrible Mark Wahlberg video game film “Max Payne.” Moore basically strips away everything enjoyable about the franchise and pours on the excess with endless sequences of chase scenes, fireballs and assassins killing or being killed. Moore, clearly a fan of explosion porn, has officially bolted the franchise down to the same generic quality as your regular “straight to Netflix” action film. Everything is gone, especially that sense of humanity and vulnerability that came McClane’s character in the original films. In between the action scenes of the first “Die Hard,” the action would slow down so the audience could get to know McClane; they’d see he’s just an everyday average Joe with the same personal and marital problems as everyone else. Willis does his best to bring back

his character’s snark and wit, but he isn’t even given the chance to let McClane be McClane. With action that refuses to slow down, “Good Day” just presents McClane as a simple degenerate who likes to carry a gun. Willis looks as if he’s finally bored with the role and just agreed to another movie in order to collect a paycheck. As for Courtney, well, Justin Long was a more enjoyable sidekick in the fourth installment. An unknown in the movie industry teaming up with an action legend like Bruce Willis probably isn’t the best start to a lengthy movie career. Also, all of the family drama brought up between these two just makes you wish someone would drop a nuclear bomb on them. There isn’t even a decent villain to pit McClane up against in this film, making me miss the greater villains like Hans Gruber (Alan Rickman) and Thomas Gabriel (Timothy Olyphant). In contrast to those guys, there isn’t a single brilliantly wicked villain here worth raving about. They’re all simply double-crossing Russians who look like they’re trying to impersonate Boris and Natasha

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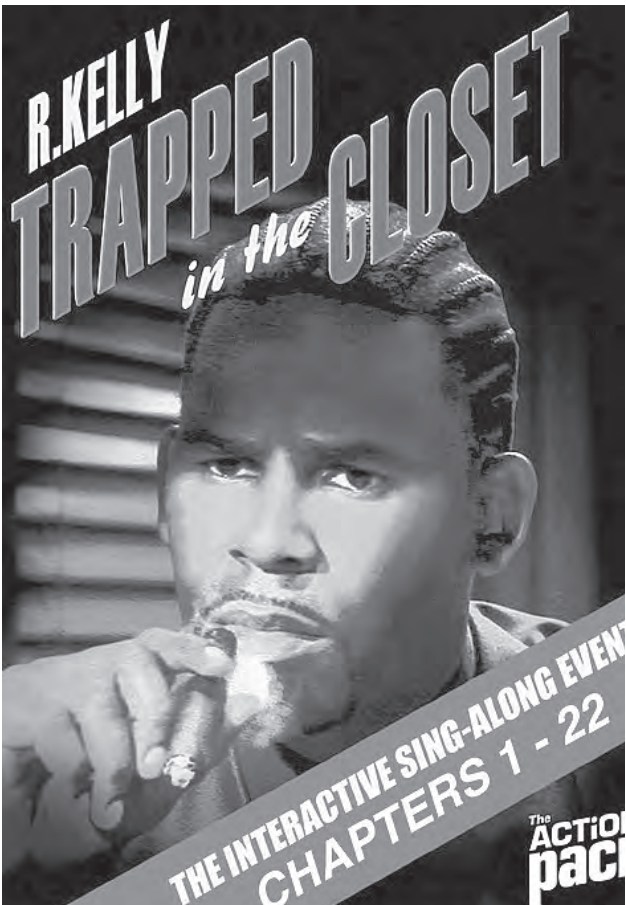
Nickelodeon boogies to hip-hop opera

Independent movie theater shows sing-along screening of R. Kelly’s ‘Trapped in the Closet’

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They came in groups. They came alone. But no matter who they were, they sang along. The Nickelodeon Theatre hosted a sing-along screening of R&B artist R. Kelly’s “Trapped in the Closet,” the best-known hip-hop opera of this generation. Patrons paid \$10 apiece to giggle, boogie and croon along with the first 22 chapters of the 33-part music video series. The saga, which was released between 2005 and 2012, follows the drama of a handful of cheating couples with plot twists involving “midgets,” sexually transmitted diseases, shoot-outs and pregnancies. The audience at Friday’s Nickelodeon showing ranged from teenagers to gray-haired ladies. Tell Them SC, a local group that advocates for more comprehensive sexual education and reproductive rights, helped sponsor the event and gave out condoms to all in attendance. (This was in addition to the condoms given to ticket holders at the box office, packaged in wrappers displaying Chapter 4’s lyrics, “Oh my God, a rubber! Rubber rubber rubber.”)

The screening began with a singing warm-up as the audience grooved along to classic R. Kelly jams “Bump n’ Grind,” “Step in the Name of Love” and “Ignition (Remix).” Lyrics scrolled along the bottom of the screen and were spelled with emphasis on which vowels required vocal slides (e.g., “Iiiii don’t wanna hurt nobody / But there’s something Iiiii must confeeeeEEeeeEEss”). Audience volunteers served as dance cheerleaders and were rewarded with free drink tickets for their spirited efforts. As the saga began, viewers took their seats and settled in for the nearly two-hour ride. Participants were most vocal during the opening chapters and were especially enthusiastic when singing the cliffhanger lines at the ends of chapters. Not everyone in the audience had seen the entire series, as gasps could be heard at turning points and laughter was still resonant at even the most well-known moments. The Nickelodeon plans to continue hosting nonconventional movie nights at the cinema as employees told the audience after the show that they hope to screen “The Room,” which has been dubbed by many as “the worst movie ever made.” Chapters 1–22 of R. Kelly’s “Trapped in the Closet” are available on DVD, and 23–33 are on ifc.com.



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R. Kelly’s musical “Trapped in the Closet” features 33 chapters of songs and allows viewers to sing along.



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from “Rocky & Bullwinkle.”

Despite all of the negatives about Moore, he has proved to be a capable action director. Though the fight scenes, car chases and explosions do lack energy, Moore does manage to keep the eccentric, if tiring, action going along smoothly. There’s one beautiful scene in the trailer: McClane and Jack fall through a damaged building alongside a

mortally damaged helicopter. However, McClane may have pulled off implausible yet exhilarating stunts in the past. Moore reaches implausibility on a higher scale with McClane flying everywhere as if he’s Superman.

This isn’t a “Die Hard” film; this is just another mediocre Bruce Willis action film.

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Gamecocks climb for Make-A-Wish

Whether they were there to participate or spectate, students gathered around the climbing wall inside Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center on Saturday for the fifth annual Carolina Crash Climbing Competition, a partnership between the Department of Outdoor Recreation and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The sole purpose of the competition was to assist in funding a trip to Cars Land for 8-year-old Raleigh of Gaston, S.C., who has a heart defect called Tetralogy of Fallot. Make-A-Wish managed to raise \$240 from college students who took the time to help support young Raleigh, according to

Garrett Stuart, a second-year international business and global supply chain management student, as well as the president of the Make-A-Wish club at USC.

“It’s usually hard for college students in the sense that we’re busy paying our bills and stuff like that,” said Justin Thaker, a wall manager of the Department of Outdoor Recreations. “The fact that we were able to get these kids to come in and give a little bit is amazing.”

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When others succeed, you succeed. Work together and make magic. You enter a one-month review period. Return to basics. Add humor to reduce stress.

Leo

Stay home instead of going out. You don't have to explain it yet. For the next month your partner can be a great leader. Support and follow.

Sagittarius

Use your common sense and gain respect. Focus on home and family. Going back to basics brings some freedom and relaxation, even more than imagined.

Taurus

For the next four weeks focus on your special bond with friends. Creative projects undergo revision while Saturn is in retrograde. Add love.

Gemini

You're hot and only getting hotter; resistance is futile. You're going to have to accomplish the wonderful things you've been wanting, even in the face of cynicism. Just do it.

Cancer

Now is not the time to overextend. Slow and steady wins the race, but you don't even have to enter the competition. Take it easy and meditate.

Virgo

You'll be most effective working with and through others. Start finishing up old business, one piece at a time, and invent something new.

Libra

You may want to back up your data as Mercury goes retrograde soon (on Feb. 23). During this next phase you're extremely creative. Spend time with a loved one.

Scorpio

There's not quite enough for something you want. Make the best with what you have for now, which is plenty. You're lucky in love.

Capricorn

Take the time to study and practice. Avoid the temptation to spend; rely on your imagination instead. Review your budget. No gambling. Build a marketing plan.

Pisces

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27 Stick (to)

29 Sprinted

31 Starting squad

32 Dote on

34 Bruin Bobby who wore #4

36 Chopin’s instrument

39 Chief author (who died 7/4/1826) of 5- and 9-Down

42 NASA vehicle

43 Cheers for

44 Like Robitussin: Abbr.

45 GM navigation system

47 Danish birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen

49 Drew, as a magnet

53 Video game pioneer

56 Org. for drillers?

57 Innocent ones

61 “Bedtime for ___”: Reagan film

62 Used a chair

63 Nav. officers

64 Sir Arthur ___ Doyle

65 HBO alternative

66 Moray fisherman

67 Ollie’s partner

68 Bat wood

69 Matches, as a bet

DOWN

1 See 38-Down

2 1972 U.S./Soviet missile agreement

3 Pupils’ places

4 East, to Ernst

5 With 9-Down, document signed 7/4/1776

6 Director Preminger

7 With 51-Down, chief congressional advocate (who died 7/4/1826) of 5- and 9-Down

8 Eye malady

9 See 5-Down

10 Pac-10 sch.

11 Worker with rocks

12 Copier filler

13 Fine china brand

22 GPS suggestion

23 Feedbag grain

26 Injure badly

28 What can’t be parted after it’s departed?

30 School where belts are earned

31 Sounds from pounds

32 1944 battle city

33 Withdrawn dietdrug combo

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35 Like a gen. who

Solutions from 02/15/13

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no longer has men

37 Have-___: the needy

38 With 1-Down, every seven days

40 Put mail in boxes, say

41 Third of a yard

46 “___ of the Apes”

48 Mingo portrayer on “Daniel Boone”

50 Certain Jamaican believer

51 See 7-Down

52 Hidden problem

53 Preschool basics

54 Honk

55 Kournikova of tennis

58 Not doing anything

59 Gratis

60 Lith. and Ukr., once

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How to Play

Complete the grid so each row, column AND 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9.

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9	1	4	8	7	5	6	2	3
7	9	3	2	4	6	8	5	1
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USC wins 2 in opening weekend

Baseball overcomes 7-run deficit for victory in first game Sunday

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Coach Chad Holbrook said before the season that Athletics Director and former baseball coach Ray Tanner didn't do him any favors scheduling Liberty as the Gamecocks' opening weekend opponent.

In the first weekend of play for USC baseball, the Gamecocks took two out of three contests from the Liberty Flames; all three were decided by just one run.

Liberty announced its presence in the first game of Sunday's doubleheader,

which was scheduled due to the weather-related postponement of Saturday's contest. The Flames dominated the majority of the game, racing out to a 7-0 lead after a six-run seventh inning. After that nightmarish inning for South Carolina, the team managed to compile three runs in the eighth and five more in the ninth to complete the comeback.

Senior pitcher Adam Westmoreland entered the game in relief during the seventh inning. He held Liberty scoreless in the two-plus innings he pitched and was credited with the win for the Gamecocks.

"I was just trying to go out and stay competitive," Westmoreland said. "Try to

keep it as close as possible and give us a chance to win."

The completion of the comeback came when sophomore first baseman Kyle Martin, pinch-hitting with two outs, brought in two runs after hitting a ball off the pitcher and beating the throw to first.

"I got up there and basically tried to put the ball in play," Martin said. "You want to get the runners in, maybe look for holes somewhere, just go up there and look for something to hit."

Sunday proved to be an up-and-down day emotionally for both teams, beginning with the seven-run comeback in the first game. Liberty coach and former Gamecock assistant

Jim Toman was ejected in the early stages of the second game, which was shortened to seven innings. The game was close throughout, ending with a failed South Carolina attempt at a second comeback and a final score of 3-2.

With the Gamecocks trailing in the seventh inning of the game, sophomore right fielder TJ Costen led off with a walk, but he was thrown out at second when sophomore center fielder Tanner English tried to advance him with a bunt. The inning ended on a strikeout-throutout double play.

"It was a long day, but that's no excuse," Holbrook said. "We had a chance to win, I thought (senior) Nolan Belcher pitched very well ... We didn't have the energy I would like to see us have in game two."

Belcher pitched 5.2 innings and allowed all three Liberty runs.

Friday saw the Gamecocks come away with a win in their first game of the season, taking the contest 4-3. Senior first baseman LB Dantzler carried South Carolina's offense with a home run and two RBI.

Holbrook sees the 2-1 series victory as a positive for his Gamecock team in his first year as a head coach. He gives all credit for the hotly contested series to Liberty and his former staff-mate Toman.

"I think that's an NCAA tournament team we played," Holbrook said. "I feel very fortunate to have won the series."

Basketball teams play road games

The women's basketball team defeated Ole Miss on the road Sunday, claiming a 62-47 victory. Senior forward Ashley Bruner had a double-double for the Gamecocks (21-5, 9-4 SEC), finishing the game with 15 points and 13 rebounds.

Freshman guard Tiffany Mitchell, who came in off the bench for the first time this season, also added 15 points.

On the men's side, South Carolina fell to Alabama 68-58 on Saturday. The loss marked the first time Frank Martin has lost six consecutive games as a collegiate coach.

Four Gamecocks scored double-digit points, led by junior guard Brenton Williams with 14. Freshman forward Laimonas Chatkevicius set a season high with 11 points and tied a career high with seven rebounds.

— Compiled by Paulina Berkovich, Sports Editor

Women's

62 47

USC Ole Miss

Men's

58 68

USC Alabama



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Senior first baseman LB Dantzler carried South Carolina's offense on opening day, hitting a home run and driving in two runs in USC's 4-3 victory over Liberty at Carolina Stadium Friday afternoon.

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Gamecocks honor Tanner's contributions

Athletics director's jersey retired in pregame event

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The 2013 Opening Day may have marked Chad Holbrook's first win as head baseball coach of the South Carolina Gamecocks, but the day was all about one man — his predecessor, Ray Tanner.

In honor of the Tanner's 16 seasons at the helm of the team, six College World Series appearances and back-to-back national championship wins in 2010 and 2011, South Carolina retired his jersey, No. 1, and dubbed Williams Street next to Carolina Stadium "Tanner Way."

After the ceremony, USC beat Liberty 4-3, thanks to first baseman LB Dantzler's second-inning home run and two RBIs and starter Jordan Montgomery's six scoreless innings. Montgomery struck out five batters and allowed five hits and two walks.

The Gamecocks built their lead to 4-0 until a late-game rally by Liberty loaded the bases and brought across three runs in the eighth inning. But closer Tyler Webb got the job done, getting five straight outs to seal the victory for South Carolina.

Before the game, USC President Harris Pastides addressed Tanner in a video message on the scoreboard, beginning with "Ray Tanner — wait, let me start again — Coach Tanner," and then thanked him for all he'd done for the university as a coach and will continue to do in his new role of athletics director.

USC mascot Cocky unveiled a Tanner Way sign as Mayor Steve Benjamin and members of the Columbia City Council took the field and presented Tanner, who stood near the pitcher's mound with his family, with a framed Tanner Way street sign. Several USC alumni members of the South Carolina General Assembly stood by to present him with a celebratory resolution they had drafted, which was read over the stadium's speakers.

The My Carolina Alumni Association then joined him to officially announce the debut of the organization's commemorative back-to-back College World Series-themed license plate. The two-year plates, which go on sale Tuesday, are available for \$70 at the Department of Motor Vehicles. The fee will support a USC scholarship program, according to the association's website.

The on-field celebrations were followed by another scoreboard video — this one a tribute by USC alumnus Justin King that included interviews with former Gamecocks Evan Marzilli, Trey Dyson, Michael Roth (who mimicked Tanner, growling, "Hey, Roth! What are you doing?"), Christian Walker, Whit Merrifield and Kip Bouknight. The video concluded with a thank-you to Tanner and built up to what would be an unveiling of his name and jersey number in a white, pinstriped circle on the left field wall, the first jersey to be retired in USC history.

Tanner, visibly moved, was presented with a framed jersey and gave an address, deflecting the praise and thanking the Gamecock nation in return for supporting him and his players year after year.

"Because of you," he said to the crowd, "we have history, we have tradition, but the great Gamecocks that you are, the great baseball fans, the support that you've given guys in this dugout. You have taken an outstanding program to another level. I want to thank my family for their love and support, for allowing me to be involved in a little boys' game for many, many years. I will forever be grateful, and I hope to be around here for many, many years to come. Now it's time. Let's play some baseball."

Former players surrounded him at the conclusion of nearly a half-hour of festivities, and Tanner took the mound to throw the first pitch — a high fastball. Inning-by-inning interviews with former players on the video board kept the tribute going



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The Gamecocks retired Athletics Director and former baseball coach Ray Tanner's number in a ceremony before Friday's game. Tanner coached USC for 16 seasons.

throughout the game, and Eugene Warr, the head of USC's board of trustees, took a moment after the game to reflect on Tanner's time as head coach.

"As we look back now from 2013 over the 16 seasons that he coached us, I just think now, 'Who would have thought that? Who would have seen that coming?'" Warr said. "Coach Tanner, you brought the kind of success here that we'd dreamed of in sports but we'd never had before."

Tanner humbly reiterated that the program had been building for years before him and thanked the

university and its fans for all of their support. He added that while he couldn't help watching Holbrook and wondering what moves he might make, especially late in game when Liberty loaded the bases, watching from the stands was different and much less stressful.

"The good news for me is I'm still here. You know, I had a pretzel in the middle of the game today — I'd never had that before," he said with a laugh. "I look forward to the rest of the games. It's exciting. Again, I'm honored."

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